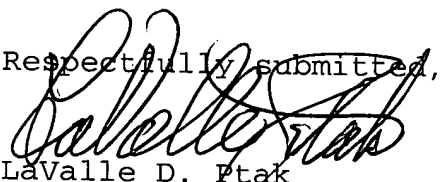


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5 to 7 and 17 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2 to 4 and 8 to 16 have been cancelled. The only claims remaining in this application, namely Claims 17 and dependent Claims 5 to 7, have been allowed. Claim 1 has been cancelled from this application and is the subject matter of a continuation application filed concurrently with this response.

In view of the foregoing, since the only claims now appearing in the application all are allowed, this application is considered in condition for allowance. Consequently, a formal Notice of Allowance of all of the claims now appearing in this application is respectfully solicited.

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